



Milwaukee County Supervisor

# County Report

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19TH DISTRICT

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Dear 19th District Resident:

It has been my privilege to serve as your elected representative on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the last five years. When I was elected, I pledged to be a responsive and accessible representative. I believe I have done just that and will continue to do so. Since the new redistricting plan (adopted April 2004) there are now 19 supervisory districts in Milwaukee County with each of us representing approximately 50,000 people. The new 19th District encompasses most of Wauwatosa, including the County Grounds, all of West Milwaukee, seven wards in West Allis and two wards in Milwaukee.

The number and variety of issues involved with the County Grounds and our Parks has required a majority of my time since taking office in 1999. Working in this area and others has brought me many contacts with other local governments, medical regional representatives, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), Southeastern Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), etc. Forging relationships with these entities has allowed me to get answers to my questions and feedback on my ideas in a thoughtful and timely way. Therefore, I am confident the legislation that I have sponsored and supported is sound and good public policy to the benefit of you and all of our fellow Milwaukee County residents.

As a steward of Milwaukee County's resources, I strive to achieve a balance between providing needed services while maintaining fiscal responsibility to taxpayers. I will continue to work conscientiously to represent your views and to strengthen the network of communication I have established with all our county departments and my fellow County supervisors.

Keeping the lines of communication open between us is very important to ensure that I am representing your best interests. With that in mind, I encourage you to call, write or e-mail me at any time with questions, comments or concerns you may have about county government.

I look forward to working with you to solve the challenges we face together as a community. I am always available to meet with any of you or any group.

Sincerely,

Jim 'Luigi' Schmitt



## County Grounds Update

### MEDICAL RESEARCH EXPANDS IN WAUWATOSA

Milwaukee County continues to develop one of the largest and most successful regional medical centers, as well as an adjacent research park on the County Grounds in Wauwatosa. Bounded by Watertown Plank Road and Wisconsin Avenue, and east of Mayfair Road, this location is easily accessible to County residents.

The Milwaukee County Research Park (MCRP) Board, which I have served on with Wauwatosa Mayor Theresa Estness for the last five years, continues to attract new businesses. It contains eight privately owned new buildings totaling 645,000 square feet that are 93% leased. MCRP also operates the Technology Innovation Center, a small business incubator with 37 companies and 189 employees plus two new technology companies recently signed leases.

The \$85 million worldwide headquarters for GE Healthcare with about 2,000 employees, which began construction on September 22, 2004 is the largest addition to the Research Park.

The Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, which are part of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center are constructing a \$120 million Research Center, as well as



Architectural rendering of the new GE worldwide headquarters in the Milwaukee County Research Park.

planning other improvements to continue to provide improved medical care, education and research for the community.

These private projects have not been subsidized by Milwaukee County, which receives full market value for all sales or new leases. Wauwatosa has used Tax Incremental Districts for some improvements that are repaid by increased tax base.

I have worked closely with private businesses, Wauwatosa and The Milwaukee County Research Park, to attract these projects to the Milwaukee County Grounds because these jobs add greatly to the economy and tax base.

## District Events



Supervisor Schmitt receives the 2004 Joy Teschner Award from the Park People for his strong commitment and work for parkland preservation and protection of County parkways. Presenting the award to Supervisor Schmitt are Jim Price, Park People President, and John Vandlik, Immediate Past President.



Supervisor Schmitt attends Culver's Restaurant Ground-breaking at 1641 Miller Park Way in West Milwaukee. Shown (l to r) Jim Mejchar, President West Allis/West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, Curt Culver, Culver's restaurant owner, Ron Hayward, West Milwaukee Village President, Supervisor Schmitt and Supervisor John Weishan.

## Service Guide for Milwaukee County Residents

### Art Museum

General information .....224-3220

**County Jim "Luigi" Schmitt.** .....278-4273

Legislative Assistant Terri Lukaszewski .....278-4751

### Courts

Small Claims .....278-4140

Civil Division .....278-4120

Criminal Division .....278-4538

### District Attorney's Office

E. Michael McCann .....278-4653

### Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) .....278-4788

Burn Center (24 hours) .....272-2876

Mental Health Crisis TTY-TDD

Hotline .....257-6300

Emergency Management .....278-4709

Poison Center .....266-2222

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis .....257-7222

### Handicapped & Disabled

General information .....278-3932

### Historical Society

General information .....273-8288

### House of Correction

General information .....427-4700

Visiting information .....427-4720

### Housing & Community Development

Rent Assistance .....278-4894

### Jury Services

General information .....278-4468

Emergency Calls .....278-4080

Reserve Juror Message .....454-9200

**Marriage Licenses** .....278-4070

### Medical Examiner

General information .....223-1200

### Mental Health Complex

General information .....257-6995

Admitting .....257-7260

TTY-TDD Hotline .....257-6300

### Mitchell Park Domes

General information .....649-9800

### Milwaukee Public Museum

General information .....278-2702

IMAX Theater .....319-4629

### Milwaukee County Parks

General information .....257-6100

Golf Reservations .....475-6222

Web Page: [www.countyparks.com/golf](http://www.countyparks.com/golf)

Park Watch .....257-4575

Pool/Beach Hotline .....645-4806

Permits/Reservations .....257-8005

District 19 Parks

Cooper Park .....871-1780 / 464-4800

8701 W. Chambers Street

Hansen Park .....476-4510

1800 Swan Boulevard

Hoyt Park .....476-4510

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Jacobus Park .....257-9405 / 476-4510

6501 W. Hillside Lane

Lafollette .....258-6060 / 327-8908

9418 W. Washington Avenue

Rainbow Park .....476-7490 / 327-8908

700 South 119th Street

West Milwaukee .....647-9928 / 672-5052

5000 W. Burnham Street

Wisconsin Avenue Park .....771-9378

10300 W. Wisconsin Avenue

### City of Wauwatosa Park in 19th District

Hart Park .....471-8420

7300 W. Chestnut Street

### Sheriff's Department

General information .....278-4700

TDD Emergency .....278-5252

### Transit Department

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares .....344-6711

Customer comments .....937-3218

TTY information line .....343-1704

Transit Plus .....343-1700

### Victim/Witness Service

General Info-Felony .....278-4667

General Info-Misdemeanor .....278-4670

### Zoo - Milwaukee County

General information .....771-5500

## Free Admission to Milwaukee Attractions!

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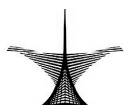
Residents with a valid ID on the following days:



Free every Monday  
and  
Saturday



Free every Monday  
from 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
(except major holidays)



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

Free  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon  
Mondays and Saturdays



Free Days for 2005:

January 8	February 5
March 5	April 2
November 12	December 3

## Milwaukee Public MUSEUM



## Dino Family Fun at the Milwaukee Public Museum!

• **Scenes of the Dinosaurs  
presented by Bank One**  
Through Jan. 10, 2005  
Meet 14 robotic dinos that snap their jaws  
and crane their necks! Dig for dino bones  
in the Big Dig Box (10 a.m.-3 p.m. daily).  
FREE with Museum admission!

• **"T. rex: Back to the  
Cretaceous" at the Humphrey  
IMAX® Dome Theater**  
Through Jan. 10, 2005  
Stare down a 15-ton T. rex on the  
60-foot IMAX screen! Feel the Earth  
rumble under elephant-size  
*Hadrosaurus!*

Milwaukee County residents get FREE  
Museum admission every Monday!

**FREE child Museum admission**  
with the purchase of one adult admission at regular price

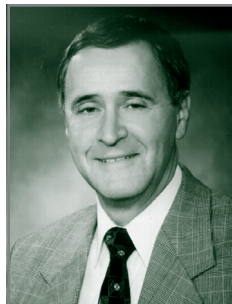
Not valid for the Humphrey IMAX® Dome Theater, or with any other offer or discount.

Offer expires Jan. 10, 2005.

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## Supervisor Schmitt voted against the county tax levy budget increase

On November 8, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a 2005 Milwaukee County Budget that preserves County services but increases the property tax levy by 2.96%. I voted against the final budget because I supported alternatives that would have effectively frozen the tax levy at the 2004 amount.

On November 17, I voted to support County Executive Walker on several key vetoes that would have lowered the 2005 tax levy *below* the 2004 amount. Unfortunately, these particular vetoes were overridden and a final budget was adopted that increases the tax levy by 2.93%.

Although disappointed in the tax levy increase, I am pleased to report that vital County programs have been preserved despite the growing cost to provide these services. This includes assistance for our most vulnerable residents, including healthcare for the medically indigent and trans-

portation for disabled riders that would otherwise be homebound.

County Park funding was also preserved so our parks and green spaces can be maintained for our residents and guests to enjoy. From the Department on Aging helping to care for our seniors to the Zoological Gardens, Milwaukee County programs and services improve our quality of life in so many ways.

The 2005 Budget contains total expenditures of \$1.18 billion and a property tax levy of \$225.8 million, which is a \$6,447,233 increase from the 2004 Adopted Budget. The property tax rate per \$1,000 of equalized value is \$4.56, which is a *decrease* of 20 cents per \$1,000 from 2004. A City of Milwaukee homeowner assessed at \$100,000 will see an estimated \$15 increase in county taxes in 2005.